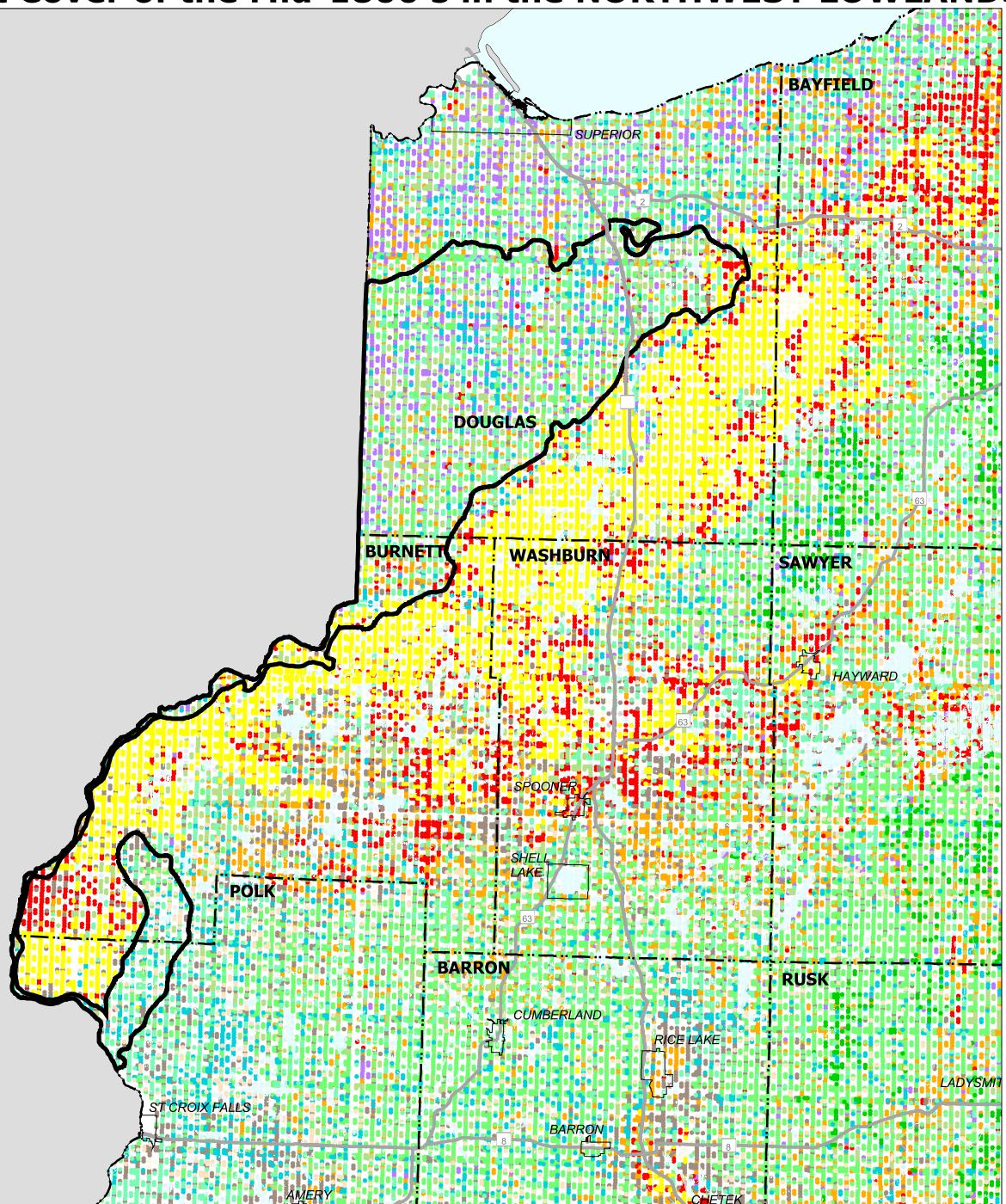


Forest Cover of the Mid-1800's in the NORTHWEST LOWLANDS



Species Types

— Ecological Boundaries

··— County Boundaries

Major Highways

— IH

— USH

Open Water

Aspen, Birch

Beech

Hemlock

Northern Hardwoods

Oak

Other Deciduous

Jack Pine

Red Pine

White Pine

Spruce, Fir

Other Conifer

Lowland Species

Water

No Trees, Native Herbs & Shrubs

No Trees, Human Influence



The Pre-European Settlement Vegetation Database of Wisconsin is a tabular database containing vegetative information extracted from the US General Land Office's Public Lands Survey original surveyors' notes for Wisconsin. The survey was conducted by surveyors under contract to the General Land Office for the purpose of subdividing unclaimed US lands for sale. The purpose of this database is to provide information to researchers and land managers about the nature of Wisconsin's landscapes prior to widespread European-American settlement. This version of the database includes only corner trees; ambiguous species have been differentiated based on other ecological information. Users should be aware that the survey was conducted for the purpose of subdividing land rather than as a formal biological inventory. Some local areas will contain inherent bias with respect to the size and species of bearing trees recorded, but over large areas these biases are insignificant.

For more information regarding the US public land survey and The Pre-European Settlement Vegetation Database of Wisconsin, see: Schulte, L.A. and D.J. Mladenoff. 2001. The original US Public Land Survey records: their use and limitations in reconstructing presettlement vegetation. *J. Forestry* 99(10):5-10. Or, visit the University of Wisconsin - Forest Ecology and Management website at <http://forest.wisc.edu/>

